



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

## **RESPONSE AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Advisory Action dated September 6, 2006, in the above identified application, the period for response is set to expire on is October 16, 2006, with a one-month extension of time, and the final due date is December 16, 2006, six months from the date of the Final Office Action of June 16, 2006. . A Request for Continued Examination is respectfully submitted herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: